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Application of: Riser and DeNichilo

Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING,
PREVENTING, AND TREATING
RENAL DISORDERS BY
MODULATING, REGULATING,
AND INHIBITING CONNECTIVE
TISSUE GROWTH FACTOR

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SPECIES ELECTION
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated 28 April 00, the period for response being extended until 28 October 2000 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

14. (Amended) A method for diagnosing a renal disorder characterized by [the] overproduction of extracellular matrix, or identifying a predisposition or susceptibility to a renal disorder characterized by [the] overproduction of extracellular matrix, in a subject, the method comprising: